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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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The present volume contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 10 September to 20 December 2002. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period appear in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Resolutions and decisions adopted subsequently during the fifty-seventh session will be published in volume III.

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A. Elections and appointments[1]

57/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 September 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-seventh session consisting of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, CHINA, MALI, NAMIBIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

57/402. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 20th plenary meeting, on 27th September 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ANGOLA, CHILE, GERMANY, PAKISTAN and SPAIN as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of COLOMBIA, IRELAND, MAURITIUS, NORWAY and SINGAPORE.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ANGOLA,** BULGARIA,* CAMEROON,* CHILE,** CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY,** GUINEA,* MEXICO,* PAKISTAN,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SPAIN,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

57/403. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 21st plenary meeting, on 3 October 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected AZERBAIJAN, BENIN, CONGO, CUBA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, IRELAND, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KENYA, MALAYSIA, MOZAMBIQUE, NICARAGUA, PORTUGAL, SAUDI ARABIA and SENEGAL as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANGOLA, AUSTRIA, BAHRAIN, BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, COSTA RICA, CROATIA, CUBA, FIJI, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, MALTA, MEXICO, SPAIN, the SUDAN and SURINAME.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ANDORRA,* ARGENTINA,* AUSTRALIA,** AZERBAIJAN,*** BENIN,*** BHUTAN,** BRAZIL,* BURUNDI,** CHILE,** CHINA,** CONGO,*** CUBA,*** ECUADOR,*** EGYPT.* EL SALVADOR,** ETHIOPIA,* FINLAND,** FRANCE,*** GEORGIA,* GERMANY,*** GHANA,** GREECE,*** GUATEMALA,** HUNGARY,** INDIA,** IRELAND,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAMAICA,*** JAPAN,*** KENYA,*** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,** MALAYSIA,*** MOZAMBIQUE,*** NEPAL,* NETHERLANDS,* NICARAGUA,*** NIGERIA,* PAKISTAN,* PERU,* PORTUGAL,*** QATAR,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAUDI ARABIA,*** SENEGAL,*** SOUTH AFRICA,* SWEDEN,** UGANDA,*

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[1] For the elections of the President, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, held in accordance with the provisions of resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, see decisions 56/320, 56/321 and 56/322, respectively.

UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

57/404. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 35th plenary meeting, on 21 October 2002, and the Security Council, at its 4629th meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statue of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 2003 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Carl-August Fleischhauer (Germany), Mr. Geza Herczegh (Hungary), Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone), Mr. Shigeru Oda (Japan) and Mr. Shi Jiuyong (China). The following persons were elected: Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone), Mr. Hisashi Owada (Japan), Mr. Shi Jiuyong (China), Mr. Bruno Simma (Germany) and Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia).

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),*** President, Mr. Raymond RANJEVA (*Madagascar*),** Vice-President, Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (*Jordan*),** Mr. Thomas BUERGENTHAL (*United States of America*),* Mr. Nabil ELARABY (*Egypt*),* Mr. Gilbert GUILLAUME (*France*),** Ms. Rosalyn HIGGINS (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),** Mr. Pieter H. KOOIJMANS (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),*** Mr. Hisashi OWADA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Gonzalo PARRA-ARANGUREN (*Venezuela*),** Mr. Francisco REZEK (*Brazil*),* Mr. Bruno SIMMA (*Germany*),*** Mr. Peter TOMKA (*Slovakia*)*** and Mr. Vladlen S. VERESHCHETIN (*Russian Federation*).*

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2006.

** Term of office expires on 5 February 2009.

*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2012.

57/405. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 4 November 2002, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BENIN, BRAZIL, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CUBA, GABON, GERMANY, INDIA, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, MONACO, NICARAGUA, PAKISTAN, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SOUTH AFRICA, SWITZERLAND, UKRAINE and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 to fill vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CUBA, GABON, GERMANY, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ITALY, MAURITANIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL, the REPUBLIC

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[2] By decision 2002/201 D, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of one member from the group of Western European and other States; see also documents A/57/428 and Add.1.

OF MOLDOVA, SAN MARINO, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-three Member States: ARGENTINA,*** ARMENIA,*** BAHAMAS,* BENIN,*** BOTSWANA,* BRAZIL,*** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,*** CHINA,** CUBA,*** ETHIOPIA,** FRANCE,* GABON,*** GERMANY,*** INDIA,*** INDONESIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** JAPAN,** MEXICO,* MONACO,*** NICARAGUA,*** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SOUTH AFRICA,*** SWITZERLAND,*** TUNISIA,** UKRAINE,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and URUGUAY.**

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that an election would be held at a later date, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council, to fill the remaining seat on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

57/406. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[3] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Homero Luis Hernandez, Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov, Mr. Thomas Mazet, Ms. Susan M. McLurg and Mr. Mounir Zahran.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),* Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),* Mr. Michiel W.H. CROM (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Homero Luis HERNANDEZ (*Dominican Republic*),*** Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Felipe MABILANGAN (*Philippines*),* Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),* Mr. Thomas MAZET (*Germany*),*** Ms. Susan M. McLURG (*United States of America*),*** Mr. C.S.M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),* Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),** Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),** Mr. Juichi TAKAHARA (*Japan*),** Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),** and Mr. Mounir ZAHRAN (*Egypt*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

57/407. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed the following persons as members of the

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[3] A/57/605, para. 7.

[4] A/57/606, para. 5.

Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto, Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev, Mr. Bernard Meijerman, Mr. Hae-yun Park, Mr. Ugo Sessi, and Mr. Wu Gang.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),* Mr. Henry S. FOX (*Australia*),** Mr. Chinmaya GHAREKHAN (*India*),* Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),*** Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),** Mr. Omar KADIRI (*Morocco*),** Mr. Gebhard Benjamin KANDANGA (*Namibia*),* Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Bernard MEIJERMAN (*Netherlands*),*** Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),*** Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),*** Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),* and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

57/408. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Ms. Francine J. Bovich, Mr. Takeshi Ohta and Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),* Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),* Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),** Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),** Mr. J.Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),* Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)** and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).***

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

57/409. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Kevin Haugh and Ms. Jacqueline R. Scott.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),* Mr. Omer Yousif BIREEDO (*Sudan*),** Mr. Spyridon FLOGAITIS

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[5] A/57/607, para. 5.

[6] A/57/608, para. 5.

(*Greece*),** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),* Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),*** Ms. Jacqueline R. SCOTT (*United States of America*)*** and Ms. Brigitte STERN (*France*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

57/410. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003: Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, Mr. Daasebre Oti Boateng, Mr. José R. Sanchis Muñoz, Ms. Anita Szlazak and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] designated Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor as Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner as Vice-Chairman, each for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),*** Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),*** Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),** Mr. Daasebre Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),*** Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),** Mr. Alexei L. FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Asda JAYANAMA (*Thailand*),* Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),* Mr. José R. SANCHIS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),*** Mr. C.M. Shafi SAMI (*Bangladesh*),* Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),** Ms. Anita SZLAZAK (*Canada*),*** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

57/411. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee to fill the remainder of a four-year term of office,[10] beginning on 1 January 2003 and ending on 31 December 2004.

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[7] A/57/609, para. 10 (*a*).

[8] Ibid., paras. 10 (*b*) and (*c*).

[9] A/57/610, para. 5.

[10] See resolution 55/224, sect. VII, para. 4.

57/412. Appointment of a member of the Committee on Information

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[11] appointed SAUDI ARABIA as a member of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety-nine Member States:[12] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D' IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN and ZIMBABWE.

57/413. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of the CONGO, FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION and ZAMBIA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2003 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHILE, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FRANCE, JAPAN, NAMIBIA, the PHILIPPINES and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty Member States: ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,** BENIN,* CONGO,*** ETHIOPIA,** FINLAND,* FRANCE,*** INDIA,*** JAMAICA,** JAPAN,*** JORDAN,** KYRGYZSTAN,* LITHUANIA,* NEPAL,** PERU,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SIERRA LEONE,* TUNISIA,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and ZAMBIA.***

At the same meeting, the General Assembly was informed that the President would continue to hold consultations with the group of Latin American and Caribbean States for the appointment of a member to fill the remaining seat.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

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[11] A/57/523, para. 10.

[12] See decision 57/524.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

57/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-seventh session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[13] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Committee on Conferences should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-seventh session.

57/502. Organization of the fifty-seventh session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 September 2002, the General Assembly decided that, under item 10 of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General would make a brief presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization,[14] prior to the opening of the general debate on 12 September 2002.

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 16 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to hear a statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council during the debate at the high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development.[15]

At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[16] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-seventh session.

57/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[17] adopted the agenda[18] and the allocation of agenda items[19] for the fifty-seventh session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[20] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 7 October 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[21] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session an additional sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of South-East Asian Nations" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 16 October 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[22] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[22] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session an additional item entitled "South American Zone of Peace and Cooperation" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 6 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[23] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session an additional item entitled "International Year of Rice, 2004" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

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[13] See A/57/389.

[14] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/57/1).

[15] A/57/304, annex.

[16] A/57/250 and Corr.1, paras. 5–55.

[17] Ibid., paras. 76–87.

[18] A/57/251.

[19] A/57/252 and Corr.1.

[20] A/57/250 and Corr.1, para. 72.

[21] A/57/250/Add.1.

[22] A/57/250/Add.2.

[23] A/57/250/Add.3.

57/504. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 26th plenary meeting, on 8 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[14]

57/505. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 27th plenary meeting, on 14 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[24]

57/506. Additional meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 16 October 2002, the General Assembly authorized the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s to hold one additional meeting, subject to availability of services, on an exceptional basis, in order to complete the work of the Committee.[25]

57/507. Report of the Security Council

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 16 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[26]

57/508. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 28 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the ninth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[27]

57/509. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 28 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the seventh annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[28]

57/510. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 29 October 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[29]

57/511. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 11 November 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

57/518. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

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[24] A/57/392.

[25] See A/57/468, para. 18.

[26] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2* and corrigendum (A/57/2 and Corr.1).

[27] See A/57/379-S/2002/985.

[28] See A/57/163-S/2002/733.

[29] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/57/4).

57/519. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

57/520. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

57/521. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

57/522. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

57/523. Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: replacement of two panellists on the informal panels

At its 70th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2002, the General Assembly, taking into account that two of the panellists approved in resolution 57/33 of 19 November 2002 were not able to participate, decided that Mr. Shabtai Rosen would take the place of Judge Hugo Caminos on Informal Panel 1 and that Mr. Felipe Paolillo would take the place of Judge José Luis Jesus on Informal Panel 2.

57/585. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-seventh session:

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 11: Report of the Security Council

Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 16: Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Item 18: Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 19: Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Item 21: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 24: Culture of peace

Item 27: The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict

Item 35: Question of Palestine

Item 36: The situation in the Middle East

Item 37: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 38: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 40: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 42: Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Item 44: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 45: Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 46: Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 52: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 53: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 54: Question of Cyprus

Item 55: Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 56: Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

Item 66: General and complete disarmament

Item 76: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Item 78: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 79: Questions relating to information

Item 84: Macroeconomic policy questions

Item 86: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Item 87: Environment and sustainable development

Item 92: Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

Item 100: Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 107: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Item 109: Human rights questions

Item 110: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 111: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 112: Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

Item 113: Programme planning

Item 114: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 115: Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 116: Pattern of conferences

Item 117: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 118: Human resources management

Item 119: Joint Inspection Unit

Item 120: United Nations common system

Item 121: United Nations pension system

Item 122: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 123: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 124: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 125: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 126: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 132: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 138: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 142: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 143: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 145: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 148: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 151: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 160: Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

57/514. Reduction of military budgets

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 22 November 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[30]

57/515. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 22 November 2002, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 121 to 6, with 37 abstentions,[31] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[32] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "United Nations conference

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[30] A/57/501.

[31] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

Against: France, Israel, Micronesia (Federated States of), Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Yugoslavia.

[32] A/57/510, para. 91.

to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

57/516. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 22 November 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee:[33]

(*a*) Requested the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, to provide such services as might be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences, as well as the decisions contained in the final report of the Special Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, held from 19 to 30 September 1994,[34] and to render the necessary assistance and provide such services as might be required for the reconvening of the Fifth Review Conference at Geneva in November 2002;

(*b*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction".

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

57/524. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[35] decided to increase the number of members of the Committee on Information from ninety-eight to ninety-nine.[36]

57/525. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2002, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 106 to 53, with 1 abstention,[37] and on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[38] adopted the following text:

> "1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[39] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of

[33] A/57/516, para. 7.

[34] See BWC/SPCONF/1.

[35] A/57/523, para. 10.

[36] See decision 57/412.

[37] *In favour*: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Tonga.

[38] A/57/525, para. 10.

[39] A/57/23 (Part II), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23*.

the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions. Alternative sources of livelihood for the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories should be provided.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session."

57/526. Question of Gibraltar

At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 11 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[40] adopted the following text:

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 56/421 of 10 December 2001, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[41] stipulated, inter alia, the following:

'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each country, the most recent of which were held at Barcelona on 20 November 2001 and in London on 4 February 2002, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

57/540. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[42]

57/541. Reports of the Trade and Development Board

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second

[40] A/57/528, para. 26.

[41] A/39/732, annex.

[42] A/57/529.

Committee,[43] took note of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth executive session, its nineteenth special session and its forty-ninth session.[44]

57/542. Documents relating to science and technology for development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[45] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system support for science and technology in Latin America and the Caribbean;[46]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system support for science and technology in Latin America and the Caribbean.[47]

57/543. Report on business and development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[48] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on business and development.[49]

57/544. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[50]

57/545. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the involvement of civil society organizations other than non-governmental organizations and the private sector in technical cooperation activities: experiences and prospects of the United Nations system

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[51] took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the involvement of civil society organizations other than non-governmental organizations and the private sector in technical cooperation activities: experiences and prospects of the United Nations system.[52]

57/546. Environment and sustainable development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[53]

57/547. Natural disasters and vulnerability

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[54] decided:

(*a*) To consider the issue of natural disasters and vulnerability at its fifty-eighth session under the sub-item entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" of the agenda item entitled "Environment and sustainable development";

(*b*) To request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the negative impacts of extreme weather events and associated natural disasters on vulnerable countries, in particular developing countries, in a separate section of his report on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

57/548. Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations system

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:[55]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on pledging mechanisms to fund operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[56]

(*b*) Decided to further review, at its fifty-ninth session, in the context of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, the pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

57/549. Documents relating to operational activities for development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second

[43] A/57/529/Add.1, para. 8.

[44] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/57/15).

[45] A/57/529/Add.3, para. 17.

[46] A/56/370.

[47] A/56/370/Add.1.

[48] A/57/530, para. 15.

[49] A/57/591.

[50] A/57/531.

[51] A/57/531/Add.4, para 8.

[52] A/57/118.

[53] A/57/532.

[54] A/57/532/Add.2, para. 15.

[55] A/57/533, para. 20.

[56] A/57/332.

Committee,[55] took note of the following documents relating to operational activities for development:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[57]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to promote and facilitate South-South cooperation.[58]

57/550. Report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[59] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit.[60]

57/551. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[61] decided that the item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children" should be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in plenary meeting.

57/552. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Economic and Social Council;[63]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[64]

[57] A/57/125.

[58] A/57/155.

[59] A/57/537, para. 15.

[60] A/57/75-E/2002/57.

[61] A/57/542, para. 7.

[62] A/57/543, para. 13.

[63] A/57/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[64] A/57/354.

57/553. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2003–2004

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] and in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2003–2004, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2003–2004[65]

2003

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[66]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the results achieved in realizing the aims and objectives of the International Year of Ecotourism and recommendations to further advance the promotion of ecotourism within the framework of sustainable development (Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/40)

Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (resolution 57/277, para. 7)

ITEM 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (resolution 56/179, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system (resolution 57/235)

[65] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, will hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[66] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2003.

(b) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its sixth session (resolution 55/185)

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of new biotechnologies (resolution 56/182, para. 10)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (resolution 56/183 and resolution 57/238, para. 11)[67]

(c) *Specific actions relating to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (resolution 55/181, para. 6)

(d) *International financial system and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/241, para. 17)

(e) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/240, para. 14)

(f) *Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/242, para. 13)

(g) *Commodities*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 57/236, para. 11)

ITEM 3. *Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin*[68]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption (resolution 57/244, para. 7)

ITEM 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 42/178 and resolution 56/188, para. 27)

(b) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 56/189, paras. 17 and 18)

(c) *International migration and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 56/203, para. 11)

(d) *Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: overview of the challenges and constraints to, as well as the progress made towards, the achievement of the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the past decade (resolution 57/246, para. 3)

ITEM 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (resolution 2997 (XXVII))[67]

Report of the Secretary-General on the issue of establishing universal membership for the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, including its legal, political,

[67] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[68] The sub-item was also considered by the Third Committee under item 100, "Crime prevention and criminal justice" (see A/57/158 and Add.1 and 2).

institutional, financial and system-wide implications (resolution 57/251, para. 4)

(a) *Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the effective implementation of, and mobilization of resources for, the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (resolution 56/200, paras. 13 and 14)

(b) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/259, para. 18)

(c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the ongoing work regarding the Convention (resolution 57/260, para. 14)

(d) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/262, para. 18)

(e) *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the inter-agency secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (resolution 57/256, para. 5), including a section by the Secretary-General on the Strategy and on natural disasters and vulnerability (resolution 57/256, para. 8 and decision 57/547)

(f) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties (resolution 57/257, para. 5)

(g) *Sustainable mountain development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (resolution 55/189 and resolution 57/245, para. 11)

ITEM 6. *Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session (resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals on the modalities of the future work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, taking into account the decisions contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (resolution 57/253, paras. 8 and 11)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its third session (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

ITEM 7. *United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development*

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested (resolution 57/254, para. 4)

ITEM 8. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the *Human Development Report* (resolution 57/264, para. 6)[67]

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (resolution 33/134)[67]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (resolutions 50/119, 52/205, 54/226 and 56/202 and resolution 57/263, para. 6)

ITEM 9. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/266, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft programme of action for the effective observance of the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 (resolution 53/197, para. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund (resolution 57/265, para. 6)

ITEM 10. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work, activities and accomplishments of the United Nations System Staff College (resolutions 55/207 and 55/278)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/268, para. 8)

ITEM 11. *Globalization and interdependence*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/274, para. 27)

ITEM 12. *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/275, para. 20)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (resolution 56/206, sect. I.A, para. 7)[67]

ITEM 13. *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (resolution 57/276, para. 9)[67]

ITEM 14. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/269, para. 4)

ITEM 15. *Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the Conference (resolution 57/272, paras. 20 and 21)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring effective Secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the Conference (resolution 57/273, para. 9)

High-level Dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/250, para. 18)

Secretariat summary of the informal hearings (resolution 57/250, para. 7)

Summary by the President of the General Assembly on the policy dialogue (resolution 57/250, para. 8)

Summary by the co-Chairpersons of round-table discussions (resolution 57/250, para. 8)

Note by the Secretary-General on inputs from all stakeholders (resolution 57/250, para.10)

Issues paper containing the annotated agenda and programme of work (resolution 57/250, para. 9)

ITEM 16. *Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields*[69]

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested (resolution 57/270, para. 10)

2004[70]

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[71]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

[69] Plenary item.

[70] The programme of work and documentation list for 2004 will be updated in 2003, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

[71] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2004.

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (resolution 56/212, para. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States)

ITEM 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (resolution 1995 (XIX))

(b) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (resolution 55/183 and resolution 57/236, para. 12)

(c) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its seventh session (resolution 55/185)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the outcome of the global biotechnology forum (resolution 57/237, para. 4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (resolution 56/183 and resolution 57/238, para. 11)[67]

ITEM 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 55/187 and resolution 57/243, para. 16)

ITEM 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (resolution 50/130)

(a) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 55/191 and resolution 57/247, para. 3)

(b) *Women in development*

Documentation

Update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* (resolution 56/188, para. 26)

(c) *Culture and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant United Nations bodies and multilateral development institutions, on culture and development (resolution 57/249, para. 8)

ITEM 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (resolution 39/229)[67]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in preparation for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, and on further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources (resolution 57/252, para. 7)

(a) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Association of Caribbean States (resolution 57/261, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (resolution 57/261, para. 15)

(b) *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (resolution 57/255, para. 7)

ITEM 6. *Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session (resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals on the modalities of the future work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, taking into account the decisions contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (resolution 57/253, paras. 8 and 11)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

ITEM 7. *Operational activities for development*

(a) *Operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

(b) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Comprehensive analysis by the Secretary-General of the implementation of the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (resolution 56/201, para. 96, and decision 57/548)[67]

Report of the Secretary-General on the results of an evaluation of the progress of the common country assessment and United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes and their impact on the field of operational activities (resolution 56/201, para. 47)[67]

ITEM 8. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII) and 48/162 and decision 52/450, and resolution 57/267, para. 11)

ITEM 9. *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (resolution 57/276, para. 9)[67]

ITEM 10. *Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the Conference (resolution 57/272, paras. 20 and 21)

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

57/527. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the agenda item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family"

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[72] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004[73] and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International Year of Volunteers: outcomes and future perspectives".[74]

57/528. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[75] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[76]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin.[77]

[72] A/57/545, para. 18.
[73] A/57/139 and Corr.1.
[74] A/57/352.
[75] A/57/547, para. 23.
[76] A/57/154.
[77] A/57/158 and Add.1 and 2.

57/529. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the advancement of women

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.[79]

57/530. Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of the rights of children

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[80] took note of the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child[81] and the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.[82]

57/531. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[83] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.[84]

57/532. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[85] took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.[86]

57/533. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[87] took note of the following documents submitted under sub-items (*a*) to (*c*) and (*e*) of the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions":

Under sub-item (*a*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[88]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[89]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[90]

Under sub-item (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants;[91]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights;[92]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity;[93]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures;[94]

(*e*) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity;[95]

(*f*) Report of the Secretary-General on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa;[96]

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[78] A/57/549, para. 35.

[79] A/57/129-E/2002/77.

[80] A/57/552, para. 26.

[81] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41* and corrigendum (A/57/41 and Corr.1).

[82] A/57/295.

[83] A/57/553, para. 17.

[84] A/57/296.

[85] A/57/554, para. 19.

[86] See A/57/443.

[87] A/57/556, para. 4.

[88] A/57/268.

[89] A/57/308.

[90] A/57/400.

[91] A/57/134.

[92] A/57/277.

[93] A/57/311 and Add.1.

[94] A/57/371.

[95] A/57/385.

[96] A/57/394.

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Special Representative on human rights defenders;[97]

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities;[98]

(*i*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Timor-Leste;[99]

Under sub-item (*c*):

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sierra Leone;[100]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar;[101]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation of Lebanese detainees in Israel;[102]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967;[103]

Under sub-item (*e*):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[104]

57/534. Award of human rights prizes in 2003

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[105] considering that 2003 will mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[106] bearing in mind the need to promote universal observance and enjoyment of human rights, and recalling its resolution 2217 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966, in which it approved the awarding of prizes in the field of human rights, decided to request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the awarding of human rights prizes at a plenary meeting on 10 December 2003, in accordance with recommendation C contained in the annex to resolution 2217 A (XXI).

57/535. Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights in 2003

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[107] considering that 2003 will mark the tenth anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights, and reaffirming its commitment to the fulfilment of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on 25 June 1993,[108] decided that, during its fifty-eighth session, the plenary meeting on 10 December 2003 marking the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[106] would also be devoted to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, with contributions by Governments, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant organs, funds and agencies of the United Nations system within their respective mandates.

57/536. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[109]

57/537. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[110]

57/538. Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2003–2004

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[111] pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of

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[97] A/57/182.

[98] A/57/357.

[99] A/57/446.

[100] A/57/284.

[101] A/57/290 and Corr.1.

[102] A/57/345.

[103] A/57/366 and Add.1.

[104] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/57/36).

[105] A/57/556/Add.2 and Corr.1–3, para. 128.

[106] Resolution 217 A (III).

[107] A/57/556/Add.4, para. 5.

[108] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[109] A/57/556/Add.5.

[110] A/57/557.

[111] A/57/558, para. 8.

18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2003–2004, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted separately but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. In transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. International drug control

Item 7. Advancement of women

Item 8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 12. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:[112]

(*a*) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(*b*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 13. Right of peoples to self-determination[112]

[112] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

Item 14. Human rights questions:[113, 114]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon by the Assembly in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[115]

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Annual

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Biennial

World social situation (odd years) (resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (even years) (resolution 56/115, para. 16)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations Literacy Decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International Year of Volunteers (2005) (resolution 57/106)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2007)

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (2003)

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (2003) (resolution 56/121)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action on international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter

[113] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[114] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

[115] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2003)

Biennial

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2004)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2004)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2003)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (2003) (resolution 56/134)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2007)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993–2002)

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex)

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of action*

Annual

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Human rights and cultural diversity

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food

Comprehensive and integral international convention on protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2004) (resolution 57/227)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2007)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2003–2004

2003

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 57/163, para. 10)

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report on the World Social Situation (resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (resolution 56/114, para. 8)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (resolution 56/115, para. 16)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (resolution 56/117, paras. 11 and 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (resolution 57/164, para. 10)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting youth employment, including on the progress achieved by the Youth Employment Network (resolution 57/165, para. 4)

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (resolution 57/167, para. 18)

[116] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (resolution 57/171, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention (resolution 57/168, para. 7), including proposals on organizing the high-level political conference for the purpose of signing the United Nations convention against corruption, to be held in Mexico for a period of three days before the end of 2003 (resolution 57/169, paras. 2–5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (resolution 57/171, para. 14)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 57/172, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (resolution 57/173, para. 20)

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial evaluation of the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and international cooperation against the world drug problem (resolution 55/65, sect. II, para. 13, and resolution 57/174, sect. IV, para. 8)

ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and resolution 57/178, para. 23)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (resolution 56/131, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 56/129, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (resolution 56/128, para. 5 (*b*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (resolution 57/180, paras. 6 (*i*) and 11)

Final report of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the follow-up to the implementation of its recommendations (resolution 57/175, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 57/175, para. 9 (*b*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of older women in society (resolution 57/177, para. 10)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (resolutions 50/203 and 56/132 and resolution 57/182, para. 28)[116]

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (resolution 56/134, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (resolution 56/136, para. 12)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 57/187, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 57/183, para. 35)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the strengthening of the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (resolution 57/186, para. 3)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child (resolution 57/190, sect. VII (*c*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the girl child (resolution 57/189, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General: comprehensive assessment of the scope and effectiveness of the United Nations system response to the issue of children affected by armed conflict, including recommendations for strengthening, mainstreaming, integrating and sustaining these activities (resolution 57/190, sect. V, para. 3)

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (resolution 57/190, sect. VII (*d*))

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the final document of the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly, entitled "A world fit for children" (resolution 57/190, sect. VII (*a*))

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (resolution 56/140, para. 4 (*c*), and resolution 57/192, para. 11), including the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) (resolution 2106 A (XX), annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the extent of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and coordination of activities (resolution 57/195, para. 41)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (resolution 57/195, para. 52)

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (resolution 57/195, para. 53)

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 57/197, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries to undermine the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 57/196, para. 15)

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 57/200, para. 29)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (resolution 56/144, para. 29)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All

Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 57/201, para. 8)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 56/158, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (resolution 56/159, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (resolution 56/160, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (resolution 56/162, para. 16)

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (resolution 56/164, para. 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 56/166, para. 13)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolution 57/203, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (resolution 57/205, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights education (resolution 57/206, para. 5)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (resolution 57/208, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (resolution 57/204, para. 14)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004 (resolution 57/212, para. 24)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (resolution 57/218, para. 18)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the protection of migrants (resolution 57/218, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (resolution 57/219, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the views of and information from Member States on the implications and negative effects of unilateral coercive measures on their populations (resolution 57/222, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (resolution 57/223, para. 33)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights and on the recommendations made by his Special Representative for human rights in Cambodia on matters within his mandate (resolution 57/225, sect. V, para. 2)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (resolution 57/226, para. 18)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a comprehensive report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (resolution 57/229, para. 15)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 56/161, para. 15)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (resolution 57/209, para. 12)

Promotion of the right of peoples to peace (resolution 57/216, para. 9)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (resolution 57/217, para. 6)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (resolution 57/224, para. 9)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (resolution 57/231, para. 6)

Report of the special rapporteurs on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (resolution 57/233, para. 8 (*b*))

Updates by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (resolution 57/234, para. 25)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (resolution 57/230, para. 7)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (resolution 57/232, para. 6)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

2004[117]

ITEM 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

ITEM 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

ITEM 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (resolution 57/166, para. 9)

ITEM 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

ITEM 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

ITEM 6. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

ITEM 7. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (resolution 57/176, paras. 25 and 26)

Report of the Secretary-General on working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (resolution 57/179, para. 6)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)[116]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and resolution 56/229, para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

ITEM 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (resolution 57/181, para. 14)

[117] The programme of work and documentation for 2004 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2003.

ITEM 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order (resolution 57/184, para. 9)

ITEM 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex)[116]

ITEM 11. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (resolution 55/80, para. 4 (*c*))

ITEM 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

(a) *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX) and resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. III, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 57/194, sect. II, para. 5, and sect. III, para. 7)

(b) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

ITEM 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

ITEM 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Reports of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on their periodic meetings (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken for the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 57/202, para. 23)

Report of the Committee against Torture (article 24 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 57/210, para. 19)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (resolution 57/214, para. 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 57/215, para. 25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 57/221, para. 13)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Missing persons (resolution 57/207, para. 10)

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 57/211, para. 11)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (resolution 57/213, para. 15)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (resolution 57/227, para. 5)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

57/539. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 77th plenary meeting, on 18 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[111] took note of chapters I, III, V, VII (sections A, B, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[118]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

57/517. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 67th plenary meeting, on 4 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[119] took note of chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[120]

57/554. Common services

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[121] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on common services.[122]

57/555. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2003–2004

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[121] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for the biennium 2003–2004, which is annexed to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2003–2004

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B. Programme of work for 2004

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15. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
16. Report of the Economic and Social Council

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[118] A/57/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[119] A/57/624, para. 4.

[120] A/57/3 (Parts I and II) and (Part II)/Add.1 and 2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[121] A/57/648, para. 15.

[122] A/57/176.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

57/556. Action taken on certain items

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[121] decided that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items at the resumed fifty-seventh session of the Assembly:

Item 110: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 111: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 112: Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

Item 114: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 116: Pattern of conferences

Item 117: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 118: Human resources management

Item 122: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 123: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 126: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(*a*) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

(*b*) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 132: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(*a*) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(*b*) Other activities

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 138: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 142: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 143: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 145: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 148: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 151: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

57/557. Activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] took note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the activities of the Advisory Committee during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly,[124] and requested the Secretary-General to bring the report to the attention of the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the funds and programmes concerned.

57/558. Statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[125] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system.[126]

57/559. Proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[127]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina[128] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[129]

(*b*) Approved the donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as proposed by the Secretary-General.

57/560. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa.[131]

57/561. Videoconferencing at the United Nations

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on videoconferencing at the United Nations.[132]

57/562. Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services,[133] and concurred with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[134]

57/563. Delivery of advisory services

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the conclusions contained in paragraphs 32 to 37 of the report of the Secretary-General on the delivery of advisory services.[135]

57/564. Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work.[136]

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[123] A/57/623, para. 4.

[124] A/57/7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[125] A/57/602, para. 6.

[126] A/57/265.

[127] A/57/643, para. 6.

[128] A/57/449.

[129] A/57/486.

[130] A/57/649, para. 81.

[131] A/57/322.

[132] A/57/339 and Corr.1.

[133] A/57/348.

[134] A/57/7/Add.3, para. 13. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[135] A/57/363.

[136] A/57/364.

57/565. Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions[137] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[138]

57/566. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships[139] and concurred with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[140]

57/567. Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system",[141] and concurred with the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[142]

57/568. Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General[143] on the conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003, and concurred with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[144]

57/569. Cases in which incumbents of posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on cases in which incumbents of posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post;[145]

(*b*) Reiterated paragraph 7 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

(*c*) Concurred with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[146] on the report of the Secretary-General mentioned in subparagraph (*a*) above.

57/570. Presentation of estimates of staff assessment

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the presentation of estimates of staff assessment,[147] and concurred with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[148]

57/571. Development Account

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[149] and concurred with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[150]

[137] A/57/361.

[138] A/57/7/Add.3, sect. F. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[139] A/57/133.

[140] A/57/7/Add.6. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[141] A/57/365.

[142] A/57/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[143] A/57/473.

[144] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. I. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[145] A/57/466.

[146] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. II. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[147] A/57/464.

[148] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. III. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[149] A/57/360.

[150] A/57/7/Add.5. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to indicate clearly the role of projects funded from the Development Account vis-à-vis those funded from section 21, Regular programme of technical cooperation, of the programme budget.

57/572. Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B of 18 December 1998[151] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[152] and endorsed the recommendations contained therein.

57/573. Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations[153] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[154]

(*b*) Adopted the revised Financial Regulations as set out in the report of the Secretary-General mentioned in subparagraph (*a*) above;

(*c*) Decided that the revised Financial Regulations would take effect as from 1 January 2003;

(*d*) Decided also that existing financial regulations 5.10 and 9.4, which apply exclusively to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, would be presented in the special annex for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

57/574. Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat[155] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[156]

(*b*) Decided to continue consideration of the question of the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat during its fifty-eighth session under the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005";

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General to include, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, more information on the question of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat in the light of the views expressed by Member States, and in particular to provide a comparison of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat with those of other multilateral organizations not covered in the report of the Secretary-General, as well as with those of some Member States, and the percentage share of each grade.

57/575. Results-based budgeting

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the interim report of the Secretary-General on results-based budgeting for the biennium 2002–2003[157] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[158] and endorsed the approach outlined by the Secretary-General in paragraph 57 of his report;

(*b*) Also took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the implementation of all provisions of Assembly resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting,[159] and supported the approach to be followed by the Secretary-General, as outlined in paragraph 46 of that report;

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[151] A/C.5/57/14.

[152] A/57/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[153] A/57/396.

[154] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee*, 26th meeting (A/C.5/57/SR.26), and corrigendum.

[155] A/57/483.

[156] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. V. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[157] A/57/478.

[158] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[159] See A/57/474.

(*c*) Noted with appreciation the efforts made to date by the Secretary-General in implementing the provisions of Assembly resolution 55/231;

(*d*) Noted that the issues addressed in the reports of the Secretary-General and the Office of Internal Oversight Services mentioned in subparagraphs (*a*) and (*b*) above were relevant to some measures outlined in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change".[160]

57/576. Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations[161] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[162]

(*b*) Decided to continue consideration of this question at the main part of its fifty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report providing a comparative analysis of the practice followed by other international organizations in this regard for consideration at the main part of its fifty-eighth session.

57/577. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research[163] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[164] approved the request for a subvention of 227,600 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 2003.

57/578. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,[165] and concurred with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 7 of its report.[166]

57/579. Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[130]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization[167] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[168]

(*b*) Expressed concern that the Department of Public Information was not able to identify at this stage any resources, including through redeployment, for this priority activity;

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of his proposal on strengthening the web site through the redeployment of resources within the Department of Public Information, giving priority to the language posts required, and to report on the status of implementation to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

(*d*) Recalled paragraph 66 of its resolution 57/130 B of 11 December 2002;

(*e*) Requested the Secretary-General, in this context, to keep the question of the equality among the six official languages on the web site under review and to submit proposals aimed at achieving full equality among the languages.

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[160] A/57/387 and Corr. 1.

[161] A/57/471.

[162] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. IV. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[163] A/C.5/57/4.

[164] A/57/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[165] A/57/467.

[166] A/57/7/Add.8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[167] A/57/355.

[168] A/57/7/Add.2. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

57/580. Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[169] on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1 on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[170]

(*a*) Noted that the adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements of 500,000 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,[171] and also noted that, under the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

(*b*) Approved, in the context of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications, a charge in the amount of 250,000 dollars against the contingency fund to finance core activities of the Institute, defined as the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts currently in the staffing table;

(*c*) Decided that an amount of 250,000 dollars would be set aside in the contingency fund for the biennium 2002–2003, as an additional provision to the Institute for core activities in 2003, which brings the total amount to 500,000 dollars, pending firm pledges and/or payments of voluntary contributions necessary for the viable operations of the Institute;

(*d*) Requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session, on the financial situation of the Institute, including the status of voluntary contributions to meet the resource requirements necessary to ensure its viability and to consider the additional charge against the contingency fund referred to in subparagraph (*c*) above;

(*e*) Noted that the statement on programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[169] was based on the recommendations of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;[172]

(*f*) Requested the Secretary-General to introduce the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Institute[173] to the Assembly before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session.

57/581. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[174] on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[175] endorsed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and noted that the adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements of up to 316,600 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, 96,200 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of 43,000 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of 43,000 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.[171]

57/582. Khmer Rouge trials

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[176] on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70 on the Khmer Rouge trials and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[177] endorsed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and noted that, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution, the requirements would be met from within existing resources under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.[171]

57/583. Ensuring effective secretariat support for a sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the statement submitted by the

[169] A/C.5/57/24.

[170] A/57/7/Add.18. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[171] A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 (Introduction, sections 1–33, and Income sections 1–3), see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/56/6/Add.2).

[172] A/57/330 and Add.1.

[173] See A/56/907.

[174] A/C.5/57/26.

[175] A/57/7/Add.19. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[176] A/C.5/57/29.

[177] A/57/7/Add.22. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

Secretary-General[178] on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 on ensuring effective secretariat support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[179] endorsed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and noted that the adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements of up to 95,500 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, 85,700 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of 22,000 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of 22,000 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.[171]

57/584. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[130] having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002[180] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[181] endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General:

(*a*) To approve the provision of 44,700 United States dollars in additional appropriations under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003[171] as a charge against the contingency fund for financing activities in respect of Council decision 2002/285 of 25 July 2002;

(*b*) To invite the Council to review its decision 2002/281 of 25 July 2002 with a view to ensuring that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights are not required in connection with its fifty-ninth session;

(*c*) To request the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Council decision 2002/257 of 25 July 2002 and decision 2002/281, as reviewed, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the related expenditures in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.

7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

57/512. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 19 November 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee:[182]

(*a*) Welcomed the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings on its work from 25 February to 1 March 2002[183] and the report of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/93 of 12 December 2001 on its work from 23 to 27 September 2002;[184]

(*b*) Decided that a working group of the Sixth Committee shall be convened during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly from 29 September to 3 October 2003 in order to continue the work undertaken during the fifty-seventh session;

(*c*) Decided also to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings".

57/513. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 19 November 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[185] decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance[186] in the General Assembly until its fifty-eighth session.

[178] A/C.5/57/32.

[179] A/57/7/Add.24. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[180] A/C.5/57/13 and Corr.1.

[181] A/57/7/Add.12. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[182] A/57/569, para. 14.

[183] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 51* (A/57/51).

[184] A/C.6/57/L.4.

[185] A/57/570, para. 8.

[186] A/55/226.

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